Promotion of Small Cars

4038. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to make India a hub for small cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to achieve success in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) Auto Policy 2002, envisages to make India a global hub for small cars. In order to achieve this objective, excise duty on small cars has been brought down from 24% to 16% in the Union Budget 2006-07. The Government have also approved the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) in 2005 at a cost of s. 1718 crore in order to establish world class testing, homologation and certification facilities in the country with a view to promoting exports in auto sector.

Value assessment of land with PSEs

†4039. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) When the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises was constituted with a view to revamp Government sector enterprises and to make future recommendatons alongwith the details of its jurisdiction;

(b) the enterprises of Government sector incurring loss at present alongwith the reasons of their incurring losses in each case;

(c) the residual land of Government enterprises in respect of which value assessment has been made; and

(d) by when the value assessment of the residual land will be made and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government of

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India, *vide* its Resolution dated 6th December 2004, had constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) to address the task of strengthening, modernizing, reviving and restructuring of Public Sector Enterprieses and advise the Government on strategies, measures and schemes related to them. The functions of the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) are:— to advise the Government on ways and means for strengthening Public Sector Enterprises in general and making them more autonomous and professional; to consider restructuring of CPSEs and suggest ways and means for funding such restructuring schemes; to examine the revival/ restructuring proposal of sick/loss making CPSEs for their turn around and to make suitable recommendations related thereto; to advise the Government on disinvestment/closure/sale of chroincally loss making companies which cannot be revived and advise the Government about sources of funds for the payment of all legitimate dues and compensation to workes and other costs of closures; to monitor incipient sickness in CPSEs and advise the Govt. on such other matters as may be assigned to it.

(b) The details of the loss making CPSEs and their losses are given in Statement No. 7B of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 2004-05 laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 14th March 2006. The reason for the losses incurred by CPSEs include (i) old and obsolete plant & machinery, (ii) outdated technology, (iii) shortage of orders and working capital, (iv) increasing competition, (v) high cost of production due to high cost of inputs and excessive manpower, (iv) weak marketing strategies, (vii) inability to access modern technology, etc.

(c) and (d) Evaluation of surplus land is undertaken on a case to case on the advise of concerned agencies like BIFR, AAIFR, High Court, Operating Agency/Consultants preparing revival plans, etc.

Public Sector Enterprises in Uttaranchal

4040. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Public Sector Enterprises functioning in Uttaranchal;

(b) the economic status of each of the PSUs in the State;